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Dear Gerry,

I'm glad your Rotary speech went so well and that it may lead to a more significant appearance before a larger audience. I have never found any civic group that was not receptive and it has been many years since even a single doubter or skeptic said a word to me at any of them.

In part I'm reminiscing from time to time to make a record, as with the letter to Gary that I'm glad you found of interest. Wisconsin talked about oral histories, as did Hood's president, but the faculty never has time.

Gary and Salandra were friends. Gary comes from Hila., where his father, I believe, is or was a school teacher.

I never know in sending copies, not only to you but to a few others, whether you are or can be interested but making the copies is no problem and you can always ignore what is not of interest.

You refer to the fact that you gather from the book Racial Matters that nobody in the government ever stood up to Hoover and the FBI. As I think of this I can't remember a single instance, save for Sullivan's stealing of the Kissinger tapes and giving them to the Nixon White House. Which was not really standing up to Hoover anyway.

The reaction against him was incredible when the then general counsel of the Defense Department made some understated criticism of the report LBJ ordered that became CD1. Maybe I'll remember his name. *How anyone with any sense at all could read that garbage and not vomit I don't see yet but they all feared Hoover and the FBI.

I often wonder if I've had so much trouble with them because I've not feared them and have fought back.

They seem not to be able to take that, regardless of who is director.

Jerry is working away at his Poor Peoples Campaign records and is finding their content useful.

Best to you all,

Harold

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